

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested. Moreover, Applicant has reviewed the Final Office Action of December 29, 2003, and submits that the above amendments and the following remarks are responsive to all points raised therein.

**I. Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant notes the Examiner's acknowledgment of the allowable subject matter 1-3, 6-18, 22, and 23, and accepts the allowances.

**II. Claim Amendments**

The claims have been amended as follows.

Claim 4 and 5 have been cancelled. Applicant has amended the claims to comply with the requirements outlined by the Examiner to further prosecution of the application and present the application in form ready for issuance. The Examiner has indicated, "that claims 1-3, 6-18, 22, and 23 are allowed." By canceling claims 4 and 5 all rejections by the Examiner are overcome and all pending claims are in allowable form.

**III. Conclusion**


It is asserted that the invention as recited in the present claims as amended is readily distinguishable from the devices of the cited prior art references. As such, it is respectfully requested that the current application be allowed.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments as to the form, content, or entry of the this paper, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of

this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.  
Therefore, allowance of all pending claims, Claims 1-3, 6-18, 22, and 23 are respectfully  
requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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